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Each time the Navy Estimates come up for discussion in the British House of Commons we get the question asked: "What does the Government intend to do with Weihsienwei?" It will be remembered that the lease of this harbour was obtained as an answer to Russia's acquisition of Port Arthur; but for reasons best known to the Government, the intention to re-fortify the place was abandoned, and it is now the fashion to describe it in Parliament as "a kind of sanatorium" where ships of the Fleet can go in hot weather. Weihsienwei is, after all, something more than this. It is a flying naval base, a depot and a drill ground. The vote included in the Navy Estimates for Weihsienwei this year amounts to £18,000, and of this sum it seems that £8,000 will be expended on dredging. The harbour is in need of improvement, and though the dredging is apparently to be undertaken primarily in the interests of the Fleet, it might be well worth the while of the Government to consider whether something might not be made of Weihsienwei as a commercial port. Singularly enough, in all the references which have been made in Parliament to Weihsienwei we do not remember to have noticed that the spokesmen of the Government have even remotely hinted at the possibility of Weihsienwei becoming of any advantage to the Empire commercially. Such a suggestion would perhaps only excite derision, for in the acquisition of Weihsienwei its commercial possibilities were not even considered. At present the trade is inconsiderable. Weihsienwei's chief export trade is in salt fish, which is brought in junks to South China. Its import trade chiefly consists of timber, firewood, and maize from Manchuria, paper, crockery, sugar, tobacco, kerosene oil, cotton-yarn, piece-goods, liquid indigo and

other dyes. The Chinese inhabitants are either fishermen or farmers, and their demand for foreign goods is not large.

Though Ministers in Parliament have been silent as to the development of trade at Weihsienwei, there is happily some evidence that the subject is actually receiving attention. Towards the end of last year Mr. S. T. Dunn, the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department in Hongkong, paid a visit to Weihsienwei to study its agricultural and afforestation possibilities. We have now before us a copy of Mr. Dunn's Report. In offering certain recommendations for the utilisation of the agricultural resources of the territory, "it has been assumed that the ultimate object of any present action in this department is to encourage sea-borne trade, and that the expenditure upon it is only justified in so far as it furthers that end." In his preliminary remarks Mr. Dunn also refers to a good harbour being essential for export trade, and suggests that a harbour in the convenient position of this port, in which steamers could handle their cargoes in all weathers, should attract some of the shipping from the exposed anchorage of Chefoo.

The report recommends attention in the first place to the production of silk at Weihsienwei. The district is found to be eminently suited for the rearing of the silkworm, and silk has long been one of its staple manufactures. It appears that if a million cocoons a month were available a British company is prepared to erect a factory at Weihsienwei. Mr. Dunn estimates that many hundred times this quantity could be produced, and he pertinently points out that the establishment of a large factory would have wider effects than the encouragement of a local industry. The Report also recommends the introduction of the best European varieties of fruits for cultivation by the Chinese, and suggests that a trade in fruit might be obtained with Shanghai and other places in the East where Europeans reside. Chefoo formerly had a very flourishing trade in this line, but it seems to have greatly diminished of late years. This, however, is ascribed to the deterioration of the trees, rather than to a falling-off in demand, and one can well believe that if good European varieties of fruits were cultivated at Weihsienwei there would be a large demand for them from all the coast ports of the Far East. Again we are told in the Report that "there are numerous situations in the neighbourhood of Weihsienwei which apparently offer all that is required for the establishment of vine-yards," and, while Mr. Dunn refrains from asking the Government to spend money at this stage on the introduction of the wine industry, he suggests that every possible encouragement should be offered to any individual or company willing to acquire land for the purpose. Under the heading of "Field Crops," Mr. Dunn points out the possibilities of a well-organised trade in the export of ground-nuts and beans; the trade in the former at Tientsin, and Chefoo's trade in the latter, each amounts to more than million taels a year. "The connection of some of the chief agricultural tracts with the sea by means of light tramways would almost certainly result in a considerable export trade." Other crops grown in the district are available, but these two products especially deserve immediate attention on account of the large amount of shipping that would be necessary to handle them. Other recommendations in the Report relate to forestry, shade trees, and finally to white wax. All the recommendations strike us as eminently practical, and it is to be hoped that this official report on the agricultural possibilities of the territory will receive the attention it deserves. It is clear that capital might be very profitably employed at Weihsienwei, and that well-directed enterprise will reap no mean reward.

The German Mail of the 2nd March was delivered in London on the 1st instant.

Members of the Victoria Recreation Club are reminded that entries for the scratch four-oar race, to take place on Saturday, the 23rd April, close-to-day, the 7th inst., at 5 p.m. sharp.

The death is announced of Sir Graeme Lockhart, who entered the 78th Highlanders in 1837; went to India, 1842; in Persia, 1857; served during the Mutiny, 1857; entered Lucknow with General Havelock's force and commanded his regiment, for which he was decorated.

During the week ending the 2nd April there were reported in the Colony the following cases of communicable disease:—Plague, 3 (Chinese, all fatal); enteric fever, 2 (European, 1 fatal); small-pox, 6 (all Chinese, 5 fatal). One fresh plague case was reported yesterday, the victim being Chinese, whose body was found in some vacant ground near a yard in Hungtung.

TELEGRAMS.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

THE WAR

RUSSIAN COMMANDERS AT VARIANCE.

LONDON, 5th Ap., 10.55 a.m.

There is reported to be dissension between Admiral Alexieff and General Kuropatkin, the former wanting rapid action on the part of Russia, whereas General Kuropatkin is more cautious.

CAPTURE OF RUSSIAN TRANSPORT.

LONDON, 5th Ap., 10.55 a.m.

A Russian transport bound for Vladivostock, with a cargo of provisions on board, has been captured by the Japanese.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.

LONDON, 4th April.
Advice from St. Petersburg state that General Artamonoff with 500 Cossacks has occupied Unsan, forestalling a Japanese advance from Cheng-ju.

THE RECENT BOMBARDMENT OF VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, 4th April.

It has been ascertained that the Russian squadron was at Vladivostock when the Japanese bombarded it, but did not show itself, having another object than that of fighting an enemy stronger than itself.

ACCIDENT TO A RUSSIAN CRUISER

LONDON, 4th April.

The cruiser *Zhemchug* (?) *Zhirkitchi*, destroyer, while completing her equipment in the Baltic, began to sink, and it was found that the pipes leading from the furnaces to the sea had been left open, the water pouring in the vessel. Foul play is suspected.

THE TIBET MISSION.

LONDON, 4th April.
Reuter's correspondent at Tuna wires that the recent fighting will not alter the political character of the Mission, which will still go on to Gyangtse.

The Berlin newspapers consider that Russia's prestige has received a severe blow, and expresses curiosity as to Russia's attitude in Tibet.

LATER.
Reuter's correspondent at Tuna wires that the Chinese Ambassador has written to Col. Youngusband, saying he wished to meet him, but the Dalai Lama refused transport. He is now coming to Gyangtse.

A reconnaissance found a strong abandoned camp six miles from the recent fight.

RUSSIA AND TIBET.

LONDON, 4th April.
The *Novoe Vremya* regards the British advance in Tibet as a highly important move, as by dominating Tibet and the Dalai Lama's government, Great Britain will inevitably dominate the whole of the Mongol world, including the territories bordering the Russian dominion, and is certain to use the position to create a thousand difficulties for Russia. The *Svet* expresses similar views.

THE BALKANS.

LONDON, 4th April.
Fighting has occurred at Kresna between a Bulgarian band and a Turkish force. Several were wounded. Large bands have appeared on the Monastic railway, and many peasants are reported to be joining the insurgents.

NAVAL NOTES.

The U. S. cruiser *San Francisco* has arrived at Cavite. It is stated that she is coming to Hongkong to be docked before Admiral Stirling transfers his flag to her.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 6th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has risen in China and SW. Japan and fallen in NE. Japan.

Pressure is highest over the Yellow Sea and relatively low in the Philippines. The depression in the Pacific is still indicated to the south-east of Tokyo.

Gradients are moderate on the China coast and slight over the China Sea. Moderate to fresh NE. monsoon will be met with in the Formosa Channel and the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast—Fresh E. winds; overcast, light rain.

WAR NOTES.

THE TORPEDO-BOAT DUEL.

Writing of the torpedo-boat engagement on the 10th ult., the Times correspondent states that the Japanese Admiral, in a wireless telegram describing the torpedo-destroyer engagement, says that the Russians, despite their superior numbers, were defeated by the better shooting of the Japanese, who were armed with six-pounders against the Russian pounders.

RUSSIAN SCHEME OF DEFENCE IN MANCHURIA.

Reuter's correspondent at Yingkow wrote on the 3rd ult.:—"On account of the impossibility of defending the coast here until a thaw permits of intruding being made and forts constructed, the Russians are prepared to fall back on the main railway. There are practically no defences, and, although the shifting and reshifting of troops and artillery to the small forts at the mouth of the Liao River gives the appearance of an intention to defend the port, the administration evidently depends on an engagement inland to arrest the Japanese advance. It is understood that the only plans as yet determined on are the following:—

1. That General Kuropatkin's headquarters shall be at Moukden, where Admiral Alexieff proposes to remain indefinitely, on account of the place being the centre of the Chinese administration of Manchuria.

2. That the almost indefensible plain to the west of Tashihchiao shall be held, if possible, for the sake of the railway connecting Moukden with Port Arthur.

3. That the Haicheng-Liaoyang line shall be the extreme limit of withdrawal. It seems, however, that in view of the exposure of the railway at this point, and the almost certain arrival of the Japanese before the construction of defences, the Russian authorities fully anticipate possible. Then they tramped down into a more fertile, well-cultivated valley, along a good path. The whole district was under cultivation of some kind, conspicuous among the produce being sugar-cane. After two or three miles of this they crossed a range of hills, the gap being not more than 600 ft. high. Just on the other side of the gap, from Mirs Bay, is said to be a haunt of pirates, and it appeared well adapted for that purpose. Here also the country seemed well under cultivation. At 11 a.m. they had entered quite a different kind of place, wild moorland with an abundance of trees stretching as far as the eye could reach. A range of hills showed up as a background. There was no considerable traffic through this district, several 15 to 20 ft. roads crossing that along which the party were travelling. They passed the source of a river, which turned out to be that of the stream Tau Shiu. Tea-houses were passed every few miles along the road, and a considerable number of people carrying various kinds of merchandise. The foreign trio were not interfered with in any way on the road. Tamsui, about 20 miles from Mirs Bay, was reached at about 3 p.m.; and a native boat was hired to take them to Waihau. The stream at Tamsui is extremely shallow, and though the boat had a flat bottom it very often went aground. The craft was punted along, the crew occasionally getting out to tow her from the banks. The aspect of the country hereabouts was much the same as that already described—fairly flat, with no high hills near the river. The boat continued to proceed slowly till about 9 p.m., when she was anchored for the night, the journey being resumed at daybreak (4 a.m.) by the same means at the same rate of progress as on the previous evening. At six o'clock the travellers landed and walked along the banks. Here the country began to lack those signs of cultivation, everywhere noticeable on the way up, but it was evident this was not due to barrenness of the soil, as trees and bushes of various kinds were to be seen on all sides. The foreign trio were not interfered with in any way on the road. Tamsui, about 20 miles from Mirs Bay, was reached at about 3 p.m.; and a native boat was hired to take them to Waihau. The stream at Tamsui is extremely shallow, and though the boat had a flat bottom it very often went aground. The craft was punted along, the crew occasionally getting out to tow her from the banks. 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Leaving Waichow at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning for Shok-koong, the stream was with them, and the wind sent the boat along at a fair pace. The country was flat and undercultivation; and a fair number of villages were passed enroute. At about 4 p.m. pirate regions were reached, guard-boats being stationed at intervals of about a mile. The anchor was dropped at about 6.30 p.m. During the night soldiers beat gongs, presumably as a proof of their watchfulness. At about 3 o'clock next morning—Monday—the "mud-hook" was weighed, and Shok-koong was reached at about 11 a.m. Here the river is broad but very shallow—too shallow for any but small boats, of which several were employed carrying cargoes. Shok-koong City is really a small edition of Waichow. The shops made a good show of European goods, one store being completely filled with them.

The party left Shok-koong for Whampoa in tow of a steam-launch, hoping to catch the boat for Canton. They were just in time to see the boat for Canton steaming down river, leaving her long trail of smoke behind. There was nothing for it but to go on in their own craft, arriving at Canton at 9 p.m.

The main conclusions reached are that the people of the district are very friendly to foreigners and compare favourably with the people in the New Territory, but the prospect of Waichow becoming an important centre of foreign trade would seem to depend on railway communication being established, because the river is too shallow to be serviceable for the movement of cargoes. The country presents no serious difficulty for the railway engineer.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

The 15th ordinary general meeting of the above company was held at the office of the General Managers, Des Vaux Road, at 11.30 yesterday morning. There were present Mr. C. A. Turner (chairman), Dr. J. W. Noble, Hon. C. W. Dickson, Messrs. G. Klink, T. Hough, Fung Wa Chin, R. Hancock, J. R. Michael, S. J. Michael, A. Babington, G. Murray Bain, E. A. Hewett, D. Haskell, E. S. Joseph, and N. H. Rutherford (secretary).

The SECRETARY read having the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen—Unless there is any objection we shall take the report as read. The past year is the best in the history of the Company, and we hope it is only the forerunner of many of like character. The quantity of cement turned out is about 33 per cent. greater than in 1902, and the limit of capacity of the present establishments has been nearly reached. One new kiln is under construction in Macao, and some new grinding machinery being installed to make a complete and well-balanced factory there, and when this work is all finished, and it is estimated it will be at the end of the present year—the production will be increased by about 4,500 tons per annum. At Hok-ut it has been discovered that with the experience gained in firing, etc., the kilns turn out a greater quantity of clinker than was estimated, and more than the mills can grind, and it is proposed to erect more grinding plant, and secure an increase of 6,000 tons here. From the two establishments we shall get therefore about 69,000 barrels per annum more, and no difficulty is anticipated in selling this extra quantity, as the present sales keep pace with all that is manufactured. The high quality of the cement has been well maintained, and its excellence is appreciated wherever it goes. Consumption has increased, especially locally, the several large engineering undertakings at present under way in the Colony absorbing a good percentage of the output. These undertakings will be completed in time, but new ones will no doubt arise in their place as we need not contemplate any failure on the part of Hongkong to continue its progress, and the vitality of a port nowadays is well estimated by its ability to absorb cement. The anxious feeling we had about supplies of limestone has now disappeared in the face of the quantity brought down from the country last summer, and at the beginning of this last dry season there was nearly a ten months' stock on our hands. We must aim to constantly keep that quantity in sight. The brick and pipe works at Deep Water Bay have been improved, and the output is larger and better. The plant is yet, however, inadequate to supply the demands of the Public Works Department, and many orders go past us to the factories at home. The Company's overdraft at the bank is a large one, but as we are doing so well we think it justifiable to pay the proposed dividend, especially as ample provision has been made for depreciation. The overdraft today stands at about \$350,000. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. J. R. MICHAEL.—I beg to second.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. T. F. HOUGH.—Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in proposing that Sir Paul Chater, Mr. C. W. Dickson, and Dr. J. W. Noble be re-elected on the Consulting Committee.

Mr. C. KLINK.—I beg to second.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. MUREAY BAIN.—Mr. Chairman, I beg to propose that Mr. T. Arnold and Mr. W. H. Potts be re-elected as auditors.

Mr. D. HASKELL.—I beg to second.

Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN.—That is all the business. Dividend warrants will be ready this afternoon. Thank you for your attendance.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 6th April.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR T. SERCOMBE SMITH (ACTING PUISNE JUDGE).

Shau Yin Nam and Lo Fung Lan, who have been carrying on business under a partnership styled "Lam Cheong Tai, timber-dealers," said Mak Ping, sheriff of Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, of Bank Buildings, for \$440.26 guaranteed for goods sold by the Sun Sam Kee firm; and they sued for costs. Mr. O. D. Thomson, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Almada e Castro, solicitor, for the defendant.

Mr. Thomson said that on the 15th of August, 1901, a guarantee had been made. When translated the guarantee read—"Mr. Mak Ping acknowledges the debt due from the Sun Sam Kee for goods bought to the amount of \$790.76." \$350 of this was paid on the 7th February, 1902, but the balance was still due.

Mr. Almada e Castro said that the defendants had not given a guarantee, but only acknowledged the debt incurred by goods supplied to the Sun Sam Kee.

Judgment was given for the plaintiffs with costs, except such costs as could be shown to have been incurred by the negligence of the plaintiffs to appear on the first occasion that the case came on for hearing.

P. LEMAIRE & CO. V. THE SAN LOONG FIRM.

P. Lemaire & Co., No. 15, Queen's Road Central, sued the San Loong Firm, No. 169, Wing Lok Street, for \$635, being the balance due for goods sold and delivered.

24th June, 1903. By 50 cases tin-plates at \$7 per case \$350. 10th July. By 50 cases tin-plates at \$7.70 per case 385 Total 373 Received on account 100 Balance due \$635

Mr. F. Pagot Hett, solicitor, of the firm of Mr. Geo. K. Hall Bruton, appeared for the plaintiff firm, and Mr. P. W. Goldring (solicitor), of Mr. J. Hastings's office, for the defendants.

THE ARMY COUNCIL.

One of the principal objects the Committee have kept in view in the establishment of an Army Council is to prevent the crystallisation of the War Office of narrow habits of thought, or of obsolete methods. That object can best be achieved by a constant infusion of new blood into the main arteries of the administrative branches of the War Office.

They urge, therefore, that four years should be the maximum period during which an officer can hold the position of a military member of the Army Council.

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Evidence was taken.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 6th April.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE.

Max Jacobs and F. Huber, partners in the Windsor Garden Restaurant, issued cross-summons for assault. Mr. J. Hastings (solicitor) appeared for the former, and Mr. D. V. Stevenson (solicitor), of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, for the latter.

Mr. Hastings asked the Magistrate if he would take Dr. Carl Justi's evidence before remanding the case. Dr. Justi had been twice to the Court. First of all he (Mr. Hastings) had better explain the case.—These two persons, Messrs. Jacobs and Huber, were in partnership in the Windsor Garden Restaurant, Wengtung-chung Valley. They had recently applied for a licence—Huber applied—which was refused. Huber then seemed to get an idea into his head that the licence was refused on account of Jacobs, and he told Jacobs so. On the 2nd inst. Jacobs asked Huber for some money to pay boys' wages due. Huber immediately attacked him in a violent manner, and struck him on the face. He pursued Jacobs to the garden, struck him again, and knocked him down, with the result that bones of his shoulder were broken. The complainant went to his house, where Dr. Justi examined him. Huber came to the house, and burst the door open, the plaintiff getting another blow in the face. Huber was also charged with the possession of a gun found in his possession without a permit from the Police.

Dr. Carl Justi said he had attended Jacobs at Jacobs's house, No. 38, Morrison Hill Road. The man had two black eyes, fractured shoulder bones which might have been occasioned by a fall, and a bruise over his left eye which might have been occasioned by a knock from an opening door. It would be two or three weeks before he would be able to use his arm.

Huber pleaded guilty to possessing a gun without a permit.

The Magistrate, in remanding the case, said that as Jacobs's injuries were so serious he would require more bail, \$200 instead of \$100.

THE NEW ARMY SCHEME.

SWEEPING REFORMS.

The King has been pleased to approve the issue of Part 2 of the Report of the War Office (Reconstitution) Committee. Part III, containing the final details, will be issued shortly. The Committee have prefaced their report with a covering letter to the Prime Minister, in which they pay a graceful tribute to the late Commander-in-Chief, and speak highly of the assistance received from the newly-appointed members of the Army Council. The second part of the report is divided into five sections dealing with (1) the Army Council, (2) decentralisation, (3) military finance, (4) the Chief of the General Staff, and (5) promotion and selection of officers.

In their letter to the Prime Minister the Committee say: "The proposals made by us in Part I. of our report having been approved by His Majesty's Government, and the Army Council being constituted by patent, we have now, in Section I. of Part II., laid down the principles by which, in our opinion, the proceedings of the Army Council should be governed. If these principles are accepted we suggest that they should be formulated at once by an Order in Council." In reference to their detailed proposals the Committee declare that they attach the greatest importance to "a change of personnel in order to mark emphatically a complete change of system," as nothing which they can suggest will so fully convince the rank and file of the fitness of the branch that the old system must be abandoned, and completely new habits formed. Again, as evidence of the completeness of the changes suggested, the Committee say that for the first time in the long annals of the War Office its intricate problems have been approached from the point of view of war rather than peace. After indicating that Part III. will be the final section of their report and will deal with the organisation of the branches of the War Office other than the Chief of Staff, the position of the Army Medical Service and other matters, the Committee say:

"We desire it to be clearly understood that our scheme of reform has been conceived and elaborated as a whole, and that any interference with the principles on which it is based would necessarily destroy its benefits."

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On the other hand, we consider that the whole of the cavalry and infantry in the United Kingdom should be brigaded, which has not yet been arranged. Even the 1st Army Corps lacks brigadiers."

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS AND BRIGADE DISTRICTS.

The Committee recommend that the existing regimental districts should be grouped by fours into brigade districts, each commanded by a colonel. This will give nineteen brigade districts. These, in turn, should be grouped into seven administrative districts, each commanded by a major-general. In this way England will be divided for administrative purposes into five territorial commands, embracing approximately equal populations, while Scotland and Ireland complete the scheme. London should form an administrative district apart from the territorial divisions. The territorial principle should be applied to the other arms, as well as the infantry. All questions of personnel, other than officers and men of recruiting, being dealt with in the brigade district offices, the higher duties of administration will devolve upon the major-generals commanding districts. Provision having been made for decentralisation on strictly territorial lines, large powers must be conferred on major-generals commanding who, within broad limits, must decide all questions on their own responsibility. The result would be to relieve the War Office of a vast amount of business which it cannot now effectively transact, and to qualify the officers of the army for duties which they must perform in the field.

PROMOTION AND SELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Committee has recommended that the Promotion Board should be abolished, and that the Selection Board should be reconstituted, with the Inspector-General of the Forces as president and the general officers commanding-in-chief as members.

A military secretary to the Secretary of State should be appointed to act as secretary to this board, which would meet periodically, and when the selection of cavalry, artillery, or engineer officers is involved, the respective inspectors of these arms should be present. The Committee has further recommended that the office of Military Secretary at present constituted should be abolished, and now strongly urges that the function of the late military secretary's office should be in part decentralised. The Committee consider that the promotion of all infantry officers up to and including the rank of major should be transferred to the command to which the territorial regiments belong. Minor promotions in the Guards should be made by the General Officer Commanding the London District, and minor promotions in the cavalry, artillery, and engineers should be made as at present pending the adoption of a scheme of territorial decentralisation. It having been decided that the confidential reports on officers may contain recommendations for accelerated promotion, the Committee now urge that the territorial regiments should be arranged in groups of about eight battalions, and that officers considered deserving of accelerated promotion should have the option of accepting it in any battalion of the group. By this means the principle of selection could be applied at once, and at the same time greater elasticity in promotion could be attained.

LEVEES.

The Committee has recommended that the

promotion of the territorial regiments should be

strongly urged that the custom of holding

levees by persons other than the Sovereign and

His Majesty's representatives abroad should

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [7]

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1904. [960]

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904.

SIR.—Your correspondent X.Y.Z. in last night's issue should give his name and his own opinion, and not quote the Phonetic Journal. All Phonographers know the strong opposition the Pitman Institution shows to all systems that have any good and original ideas, and has been the means of casting aside temporarily several new shorthand and at least three splendid methods, to my knowledge far superior to the one named, invented over 60 years back by a Schoolmaster. Pitman is obsolete, and as different as the CANDLE burned by Pitman, and the ELECTRIC light as used, by the "up-to-date" system. Sir Isaac Pitman told me at our last interview that our method as to certain strokes "was a clever inception," and I volunteered that so long as he lived I would not introduce the new system to the public. I kept my word. It is the remaining partners that are so anxious to retain the Pitman Institute, and not one of whom, I am certain, know a lesson in the one I am so successfully introducing throughout the world. I do not lay claim to be the sole inventor, but only one of seven practical reporters from the British Houses of Lords and Commons and High Courts. I am prepared to teach Pitman's system to any idiot who is anxious to devote three years as against as many months; and ten times the cost.—I am, Sir, &c.

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A. TURNER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [941]

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E. GOETZ, Chairman.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1904. [892]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1904. [916]

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MR. FREDERICK BISHOP has been appointed MANAGER of the above Hotel from this date, April 1st, 1904.

HO PO FAN, Proprietor.

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ENTERTAINMENT

AL FRESCO FETE.

On behalf of the ORPHANS AND INVALIDS of the ITALIAN CONVENT.

TO be held in the Compound of the ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL on SATURDAY EVENING, the 10th APRIL, 1904, from 9 to 11 P.M.

The Superiress while thanking the benevolent Friends and Benefactors of the Institution, for the many proofs she has had of their generosity, hopes to receive and merit a large sum of Public Patronage.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1904. [884]

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will be held at No. 5, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on
the 9th day of April, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon
when the abjoined resolutions will be proposed.
That the Articles of Association be altered
in manner following:-

(a) In Article 81 the words "Five hundred
dollars" shall be substituted for the words
"One hundred and fifty dollars."

(b) In Article 102 the words "An Auditor"
shall be substituted for the words "Two
Auditors."

(c) In Article 108 the word "Auditor"
shall be substituted for the word "Auditors."
Should these resolutions be passed by the
required majority they will be submitted for
ratification as special resolutions to a Second
Extraordinary Meeting which shall be sub-
sequently convened.

Dated the 28th March, 1904.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED,
General Agents for
THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
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THE CERTIFICATE No. 997 dated 25th
August, 1884, of the Five Shares Nos.
1481/1485 in this Company, standing in the
name of Mr. MOK-SI YEONG, of Hong-
kong, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of
One Month from the date hereof the above
document be not forthcoming, another Certificate
will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

Dated 4th April, 1904.

C. P. PEMBERTON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1904.

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PARIS LETTER.

PARIS, 4th March.

ASYLUM METHODS IN FRANCE.

Asylum scenes in France occur too frequently
to be pleasant. The death of M. Méchin, a
perfectly inoffensive monomaniac at Tours, is
likely to bring on trouble on the asylum
wherein the unfortunate man was kept. The
case is now before the local tribunal in the in-
terest of his widow. Death was apparently the
result of ill-treatment on the part of the
officials. Redureau, who was Méchin's keeper at
the time, affirms that the deceased used to
"tease" his keepers; the "teasing" on the present
occasion took the form of a friendly, not
to say imbecile, "jogging" of the elbow while
the keeper was writing. The latter lost his
temper, unable to master his man by himself,
he called four other keepers to his aid, who
caught Méchin, who was in a straight waistcoat
at the time, from behind, and held him on the
floor, while one keeper half-strangled him with
a twisted apron, and then put his hand over the
unfortunate man's mouth, the rest of the keepers
"walking him up" with blows and kicks, thus
doing him to death! Further facts which the
enquiry into the affair has revealed are no less
disgusting. Redureau and one of the other
guardians of those unfortunate mentally afflicted
persons, are both men who have suffered con-
demnation, and whose past history is known
to the police. One of the keepers after having
by his own carelessness allowed a patient at
Bicêtre, where he was then employed, to be
scalded to death in his bath, was given his present
employment at Tours; while another
guardian named Berthelot, whose record was of
the same class, had charge of the most afflicted
patients for a month. It is time the Govern-
ment remedied such an abominable state of
things.

GYMNASIUM SOCIETIES.

The Union of French Gymnastic Societies
— a most important institution, and one which
enjoys high patronage in France, feels very
greatly honoured at the acceptance of
the honorary presidency by M. Loubet.
The Minister of War takes the deepest
interest in all affairs gymnastic, so much
so, that he gives sundry advantages during
military service to gymnasts, in order that all
young Frenchmen should feel inclined to join a
gymnastic society before joining the colours.
The Minister of Commerce has appointed a
committee to arrange for the participation by
France at the Louis' World's Fair in respect
to education and physical culture.

EDUCATION.

Primary instruction is a popular subject just
now in France, the more so, since M. Combes
has been tilting at the system of instruction
given by monks. His speech in the Chamber
has produced quite a storm of indignation, while
the papers have not forgotten to let him know
what they think of his utterances. In the
course of his speech M. Combes remarked "that
nobody who did not enjoy the full and entire
liberty of his personality had the right to live."
Such an expression is certain to be treasured up
by his numerous enemies while the Premier will
be pelted with his own words when he least
expects it. Nobody can consider himself a free
agent in France—though "Liberte, Egalite,
Fraternite" is the motto of such a country.
England is a free country in every sense of the
word—too much so of late, as far as aliens are
concerned. To express one's sentiments in
public in Paris implies expulsion, if a foreigner,
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those that live among them, are condemned to
death. People have about as much chance of
acting with perfect liberty and in accordance
with their personal sentiments under M. Loubet
as they had when Louis XV. was King.

Frost-bitten in glad has been the fate of
Olive Renoir, a young girl on the verge of
womanhood, at Lille. The heating arrangement
of the building, the great county prison of
Lille, seemed to have been utterly inadequate.
During the worst of the recent hard weather,
the cold in the poor girl's cell became so intense
that she was frost-bitten in the lower extremities
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Every commune, and there are 36,000 in the
country, has its national school, or nearly so,
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cilities are given to erect schools, and houses the
teachers, and in addition, private companies
have been organised to help, all being well fitted
up. The Third Republic does not begrudge the
sacrifices it has made up to now, and is still
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that universal suffrage, unless tempered with
universal instruction, is a two-edged sword.
Millions of francs are now voted annually, where
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Again, despite all the grammars and other
elementary works yet published, the student
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public education *per se*. While ruling that
national education shall be secular, the State
affords every facility for the children belonging
to a denomination to receive religious instruc-
tion from the clergyman to whose church they
may belong. This is neutral, not denominational
education, and approaches rather the plan
carried out in Ireland. There is no opposition
placed in the way of private individuals founding
schools subject to guarantees of efficiency, the
only condition exacted by the Law is that
parents or guardians must prove that the young
are being educated.

A STUDY OF LAUGHTER.

Frenchmen are nothing if not ingenious.
To make a close study of the laughter of
the world displays much diligence. We are
told that "frank, hearty folks" laugh in a
phlegmatic chocklock in France, and simpletons
express their merriment in I; the bold and
reckless in O; and misanthropists in U.
Worth remembering!

MARMOTS.

Marmots have become quite a familiar species
of game in Paris markets. This rodent is
already sold since some time in the eating-houses
of several southern towns in Piedmont, as well
as at Milan, in Italy. Certainly, if anything of
a ratty nature could be acceptable as an article
of food, the marmot ought to present strong
claims to the consideration of epicures. He is
naturally fat, and capable of any amount of
development in that line, in consequence of the
kindly manner in which he takes to all sorts of
food when in a captive state, especially to butter
and milk.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Wireless telegraphy has proved so successful
in France that henceforth all stations will be
under the control of the Minister of Posts and
Telegraphs. In other words, the public will at
last have the privilege of making use of such
wireless telegraph stations, which hitherto were
strictly confined to the uses of the Navy.
Additional coast stations are shortly to be
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There will be two great inland centres situated
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VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	LYRA	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	27th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA N.SAKI, &c.	HYSON	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	4th May.
PORTLAND, OREGON	NICOMEDIA	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	19th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AUSTRALIAN	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	14th inst.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOMEI	FORMOSA	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	To-morrow. Noon.
SHANGHAI	LYMEON	Ger. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	To-day, at Noon.	
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	MALTA	Ger. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	To-day, at Noon.	
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRIUMPH	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	9th inst. at 3 P.M.	
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	PRITHVI	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 10th inst.	
SWATOW, & TIENTSIN	STREUVE	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	13th inst. 10 A.M.	
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TEITOS	Jan. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	10th inst. 10 A.M.	
MANILA, AUSTRALIAN PORTS	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	17th inst. 10 A.M.	
MANILA, DIRECT	WECHANG	Brit. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	20th inst. 10 A.M.	
MANILA, DIRECT	CAPI	Ital. str.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	20th inst. 10 A.M.	
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	BOLITO		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 30th inst.	



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Hongkong, 5th April, 1904.

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S.S. "WING CHAI," Captain Samuel Bell Smith.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion days, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.

FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant) \$3. Return Ticket \$5. 2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.

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OUTWARDS.

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "JASON"	On 10th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "ACHILLES"	On 10th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "ALCINOUS"	On 16th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "HYSON"	On 17th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "PROMETHEUS"	On 24th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "DEUCALION"	On 1st May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "ULYSSES"	On 7th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL. "DARDANUS"	On 13th May.

HOMEBWARDS.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP. "MACHAON"	On 12th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP. "IDOMENEUS"	On 14th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP. "TELEMACHus"	On 26th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP. "ANTENOR"	On 10th May.
LONDON and ANTWERP. "ACHILLES"	On 20th May.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and al. PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"HYSON" On 19th April.
The s.s. "ANHUI" left Port Darwin on the 30th inst., for Manila and Hongkong.	For Freight, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW and TIENSIN	† "CHILI" On 7th April, Noon.
CEBU and ILOOLO	† "WUCHANG" On 8th April, 4 P.M.
MANILA, PORT DARWIN, THURS. ISLAND, COOKTOWN, GAIERS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	* † "CHINGTU" On 8th April, 4 P.M.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to—

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1904.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

FOR SHANGHAI.	IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.
Taking Cargo at through rates to TSINGTAU.	

THE Steamship
"LYEEMON."

Captain Th. Lehmann, will be despatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 9th inst., at 3 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second class passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1904. [52]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to PILSBY, GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENCIA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship
"CAPI."

Captain Belsito, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 11th instant, at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to—

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [4]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [8]

FOR CANTON.

THE now and fast Twin-Screw Steamer

"SAN CHEUNG."

931 Tons, Captain A. Murphy, will leave for

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DAYS and THURSDAYS and return to

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First-class Fare, \$3 each way. Second-class, \$1.50 each way. Meals, \$1 each.

Cargo Freight very moderate.

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1904. [72]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED,

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"OOPACK."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 2nd inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 7th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th prox., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 10th prox., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1904. [10-11]

STEAMSHIP "ANNAM"
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. "Ardour" and "Dordogne," from Havre ex s.s. "Ardour" and "Dordogne," in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before NOON, To-day, the 4th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, the 11th April, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me or on before Monday, the 11th April, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 11th April, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1904. [2]

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"ARTEMISIA."

Captain Gronnemeyer, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, To-day, the 5th inst.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [93]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE

THE Steamship

"CAPRI"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godown, and a certificate obtained from the Godown Company, within seven days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 12th instant, will be subject to rent.

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1904. [4]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"FORMOSA"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT

SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.</

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Daly and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.
The Malta, with the English Mail of 12th inst., left Singapore on Sunday, the 3rd inst., at noon, and may be expected here to-morrow. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 18th February.
The Athenian, with the Canadian mail, left Shanghai on Monday, the 4th inst., at midnight, and may be expected here to-morrow.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton	Thursday, 7th	7.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Thursday, 7th	11.00 A.M.
Manila	Thursday, 7th	11.00 A.M.
Swatow and Tientsin	Thursday, 7th	11.00 A.M.
Macao	Thursday, 7th	1.15 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Thursday, 7th	5.00 P.M.
Nantao	Thursday, 7th	5.00 P.M.
Sanbue	Thursday, 7th	5.00 P.M.
Macao	Thursday, 7th	5.00 P.M.
Canton	Friday, 8th	9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Friday, 8th	11.00 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Friday, 8th	12.30 P.M.
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Friday, 8th	1.30 P.M.
Macao	Friday, 8th	1.30 P.M.
Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Friday, 8th	2.30 P.M.
Cebu and Ilculo	Friday, 8th	2.30 P.M.
Nantao	Friday, 8th	2.30 P.M.
Sanbue	Friday, 8th	2.30 P.M.
Macao	Friday, 8th	2.30 P.M.
Canton	Friday, 8th	2.30 P.M.
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Manila	Friday, 8th	2.30 P.M.
Europe for India via Tutiocin	Friday, 8th	3.30 P.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Friday, 8th	3.30 P.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the tin. Paid for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents)	Friday, 8th	3.30 P.M.
(Letters posted in the Post Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)	Friday, 8th	3.30 P.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tutiocin	Friday, 8th	3.30 P.M.
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COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

6th April

ON LONDON.—	Telgraphic Transfer	1.94
	Bank Bills, on demand	1.94
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.94
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.94
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1.94
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1.94
ON PARIS.—		
	Bank Bills, on demand	221
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	226
ON GERMANY.—		160
	On demand	160
ON NEW YORK.—		43
	Bank Bills, on demand	43
	Credits, 60 days' sight	43
ON BOMBAY.—		131
	Telegraphic Transfer	131
	Bank, on demand	131
ON CALCUTTA.—		131
	Telegraphic Transfer	131
	Bank, on demand	131
ON SHANGHAI.—		724
	Bank, at sight	724
	Private, 30 days' sight	734
ON YOKOHAMA.—	O. demand	87
ON MANILA.—	O. demand	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE.—	O. demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA.—	O. demand	1061
ON HAIPHONG.—	O. demand	114 p.c.m.
ON SAIGON.—	O. demand	1 p.c.m.
ON BANGKOK.—	O. demand	621
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	1.125	
GOLD LEAF, 100 lbs., per cwt.	559.25	
BAR SILVER, per oz.	25	
OPIUM.		6th April
Quotations are— Allors net, to 1 catty.		
Malva Now	5.940	to 5.950 per catty
Malva Old	10.00	to 10.40
Malva Older	10.60	to 11.00
Malva V. Old	11.20	to 11.60
Persian fine quality	8.80	to —
Persian extra fine	9.00	to —
Patna Now	1.335	to — per chest
Patna Old	—	—
Banaras New	1.325	to —
Banaras Old	—	—
VESSELS EXPECTED.		
THE ENGLISH MAIL.		
The P. & O. steamer <i>Malta</i> left Singapore for this port on the 3rd inst., at noon, and is due here on the 8th inst., at 8 a.m.		
THE CANADIAN MAIL.		
The C.P.R. steamer <i>Empress of India</i> arrived at Yokohama at 4.30 p.m. on the 4th inst., and left again at 5 a.m. on the 5th inst. for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on the 6th inst.		
THE GERMAN MAIL.		
The Imperial German mail steamer <i>Hamburg</i> left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 4th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 12th inst.		
THE INDIAN MAIL.		
The Indo-China steamer <i>Laisang</i> left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 1st inst., and may be expected here on the 17th inst.		
THE AMERICAN MAIL.		
The P.M. steamer <i>Siberia</i> left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 23rd inst.		
MERCHANT STEAMERS.		
The C.P.R. steamer <i>Athenian</i> arrived at Shanghai at 12.30 p.m. on the 4th inst., and left again at midnight same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on the 8th inst.		
The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer <i>Jason</i> left Singapore on the 4th inst., and is due here on the 10th inst., at daylight.		
The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer <i>Achilles</i> left Singapore on the 4th inst., and is due here on the 10th inst., at daylight.		
The C.N. steamer <i>Anhui</i> left Port Darwin on the 30th ult. for Manila and Hongkong.		
The steamer <i>Satsuma</i> left Singapore for this port via Manila on the 2nd inst.		
The C.N. steamer <i>Claverley</i> arrived at Kobe on the 6th inst., and is due here on the 16th inst.		
The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer <i>Pingay</i> left Victoria (B.C.) on the 24th ult. for Japan and Hongkong.		
The A.A. steamer <i>Cleaverley</i> , from New York, left Singapore on the 30th ult., for Manila, and is due here on the 13th inst.		

The P. & A. steamer *Indrawelli* left Yokohama on the 4th inst., and is due here on 14th inst.

The E. & A. steamer *Empire* left Sydney on the 30th ult. for Queensland ports and Hongkong.

The C.P.R. steamer *Taritar* left Vancouver for Hongkong via the usual ports of call on the 31st ult.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Shawmut* left Victoria for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 1st inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Agamemnon* should leave Victoria (B.C.) for Japan and Hongkong on the 21st inst.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Mar. 1st—*Cathleen*, *Pilgrim*, 4th—*Hudson*, *Cavagnold*, 8th—*Jason*, *Jersey*, *Sikh*, 11th—*Achilles*, *Louis Travers*, *Marquis Bucquem*, *Aravia*, 15th—*Armenia*, *Glenishiel*, *Kelvin*, *Maria*, *St. Kilda*, *Meridian Standard*, 19th—*Alcino*, *Alesia*, *Kintuck*, *Bretzberg*, *Verone*, 22nd—*Hyon*, *Manila*, *Odenburg*, *Dornock*, *Orange*, *Nessa*, *Paterno*, *Thysa*, 25th—*Arragon*, *Strasburg*, *Palma*, *Solevige*, 29th—*Aragon*, *Maduff*, *Angus*, *Radnorshire*, *C. Ferg*, *Laeisz*, *Benmehr*, *Serdyuk*, *Simeon*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Mar. 4th—*Glenroy*, *Pyrrhus*, *Longsde*, 7th—*Glengary*, *St. George*, *Princess*, 11th—*Ernest Simon*, *Sachsen*, 15th—*Himeria*, *Ambria*, *Princess Marie*, 18th—*Lothair Castle*, *Syria*, *Vindobona*, *Maria Valerie*, 22nd—*Yarva*, *Nestor*, 25th—*Cera*, *Nubia*, 29th—*Wurzburg*, *Glenlyon*, *Denbyshire*.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Andrew Rickmers*, from Bangkok, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad.

Per *Hailing*, from Swatow, Mrs. Samazon, Rev. Knox, Messrs. K. Ross and Lloyd.

Per *Ching-tung*, from Kobe, Messrs. Allen Gillies, Wekeham, and Capt. Hunter.

Per *Doric*, from San Francisco, &c., Mrs. P. C. Anderson, Mrs. K. C. Palmer, Mrs. L. D. Hargis, Mrs. E. E. Jones, Master Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kruski, Mrs. A. W. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Welch, Misses L. R. Rogers, Coleman, L. A. Beesford, Mabel M. Bonsall, and M. J. Canfield, Comdr. J. B. Kilton, U.S.N., Judge F. G. Waite, Hon. Chas. A. Willard, Lieut. Comdr. A. W. Dodd, U.S.N., Messrs. Chas. Freeman, A. L. Perl, Geo. M. Ghosh, A. Cottin, H. Hugo, E. Shaw, R. W. Carnell, and Jas. Mitchell.

Per *Australia*, from Kobe, Messrs. Lawrie, H. Lee, and H. Beckett, in transit—Dr. and Mrs. Hocken, Miss Hocken, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Knox, and Miss McGilivray.

Per *Triodo*, for Apun, Messrs. Louis C. Grant and S. Kousaku.

Per *Armenia*, for Saigon, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Pronchandy, for Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Marks, Mrs. Forman, Mr. S. Nakamura, Mrs. Louise L. Homme, and Mr. Carl George; for Colombo, Mr. K. Abdul Gaffar Sait Namazee; for Bombay, Mr. D. J. Karanji; for Port Said, Mrs. Sogorovsky and 2 children; for Marseilles, Mrs. K. Flores, Mrs. L. Perez, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bookler, and child, Messrs. F. Ludsing, L. Ilse, Petheilaz, Parboni, W. Whitton, L. d'Olivaire, Pramout, Martin, Morvan, George Poirier, Daubrege, Cadie, Rapus, Korand, Neuland, and True.

Per *Annam*, for Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Arland, Rev. Father Arvier, Messrs. E. Bonnet, J. Hayashi, Nitta, Kammerer, E. J. Wairson, Cordelier, C. H. Ross, Butler, and Smith; for Kobe, Messrs. H. Sharp, Wm. E. Boling, A. Rapas, and Y. Yamane; for Yokohama, Mr. Antonio Constantine.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 5th April.

COMPANY	Paid Up.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks— Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$625, buyers London 1.63.
Nat'l Bank of China	\$8	\$650, buyers
A. Shares	\$8	\$650, buyers
H. Shares	\$1	\$10.
Four. Shares	\$1	\$10, sellers
Hell's Asbestos E. A.	\$10	\$10, nominal
Canton-Hongkong Lee	\$10	\$10, sellers
Campbell, Meers & Co.	\$10	\$10, sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$12	\$10, sales & buy.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$10.
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$9.75.
China Sugar	\$100	\$114, buyers
Albania, Ltd.,	\$500	\$20.
Philippines Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$10, buyers
otten Mills—	Fls. 50	Fls. 33, sellers
Ewe	Fls. 75	Fls. 25.
Laos Kung Mow	Fls. 100	Fls. 32.
Soychee	Fls. 500	Fls. 170.
Hongkong	\$10	\$14, sellers
Dairy Farm	\$10	\$12.
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$27.
Georgian Island Com.	\$10	\$25, sales
Longkong & C. G.	\$10	\$140, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$13, sales
H. L. Tramways	\$100	\$61, sales & buy.
Steam Water	10	\$154, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	\$60	\$115, sales
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$220, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$60	\$193, buyers
Hongkong Rope	\$60	\$142, sellers
u. & W. Dock	\$50	\$205, buyers
Insurance	\$100	\$300.
Canton	\$60	\$176, sellers
China Fire	\$60	\$183, buyers
China Trade	\$25	\$160, sales & buy.
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$125, sales
North China	\$60	Fls. 67.
Union	\$100	\$70, sales & buy.
Yangtze	\$60	\$185.
Land and Building	\$100	\$145, sellers
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$104.
Humphreys, E.	\$10	\$26, sales & buy.
Kowloon Land & E.	\$80	\$35, sellers
West Point		